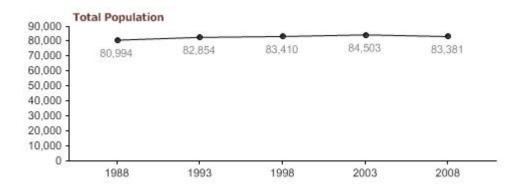
Howard County, IN Highlights

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time						
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008	
Total Population	80,994	82,854	83,410	84,503	83,381	
Change Since 1988		1,860	2,416	3,509	2,387	
Pct. Change Since 1988		2.3%	3.0%	4.3%	2.9%	



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008 Number Components of Change 400 **Net Domestic Migration** -600 200 251 44 0 **International Migration** 44 -600 -200 Natural Increase (births minus deaths) 251 -400 -600**Births** 1,120 -800 Domestic International Natural Migration Migration Increase **Deaths** 869

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007				
Number Pct. D				
Preschool	5,563	6.7%		
School Age	15,039	18.0%		
College Age	5,853	7.0%		

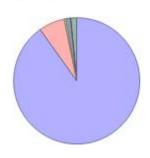
Young Adult	21,991	26.3%
Older Adult	23,038	27.5%
Older (65 plus)	12,292	14.7%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by	Race and Hispanic	Origin in 2007
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	Number	Pct. Dist		
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	339	0.4%		
Asian Alone	1,039	1.2%		
Black Alone	5,592	6.7%		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	19	0.0%		
White Alone	75,492	90.2%		
Two or More Race Groups	1,295	1.5%		

Population by Race





Hispanic or Latino		
Non-Hispanic or Latino	82,110	98.2%
Hispanic or Latino	1,666	2.0%

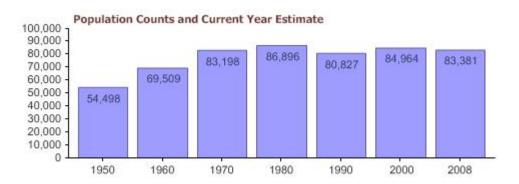
Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000				
	Number	Pct. Dist		
Total Households	34,800	100.0%		
Family Households	23,572	67.7%		
Married with Children	7,553	21.7%		
Married without Children	10,791	31.0%		
Single Parents	3,327	9.6%		
Other	1,901	5.5%		
Non-family Households	11,228	32.3%		
Living Alone	9,827	28.2%		
Average Household Size	2.44			
Average Family Household Size	3.60			

Source: US Census Bureau

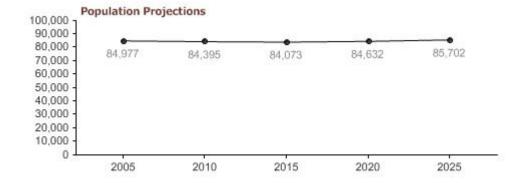
Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate					
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.		
1950	54,498	NA	NA		
1960	69,509	15,011	27.5%		
1970	83,198	13,689	19.7%		
1980	86,896	3,698	4.4%		
1990	80,827	-6,069	-7.0%		

April 2000	84,964	4,137	5.1%
2008	83,381	-1,583	-1.9%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections							
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025		
Population Projections	84,977	84,395	84,073	84,632	85,702		
Change Since 2005		-582	-904	-345	725		
Pct. Change Since 2005		-0.7%	-1.1%	-0.4%	0.9%		



Source: Indiana Business Research Center